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Honorable George B. Daniels United States District Judge Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: Am. Stock Transfer & Trust Co., LLC v. Sanofi, No. 15 Civ. 8725 (GBD)

Dear Judge Daniels:

We represent Sanofi in the above-referenced action and write in response to Plaintiff's May 26, 2016 letter to the Court (ECF No. 41) seeking an expedited briefing schedule with respect to Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Complaint and a Speedy Hearing Pursuant to FRCP 57 (ECF No. 39) (the "Motion"). For the reasons below, Plaintiff's request for an expedited briefing schedule should be denied and, instead, an immediate stay of all proceedings in this action should be entered pending the appointment of a new trustee under the Contingent Value Rights Agreement (the "CVR Agreement") in light of Plaintiff's recent resignation from its position as trustee.

To start, the supposed "emergency" here is one that is entirely of Plaintiff's own making. Plaintiff acknowledges in the Motion (*see* Mem. at p. 6) that the parties' dispute over the reimbursement of its attorneys' fees and expenses dates back to late 2015. Yet, Plaintiff waited more than five months to bring that dispute before the Court. Moreover, the expedited proceedings that Plaintiff requests are not only unnecessary, but would be highly prejudicial to Sanofi. Sanofi vehemently disputes that it is obligated to reimburse Plaintiff's attorneys' fees and expenses.

More fundamentally, in requesting expedited consideration of the Motion, Plaintiff largely conceals from the Court that it has recently notified Sanofi of its resignation as trustee under the CVR Agreement, out of which the claims in this case arise. *See* Trustee Resignation Letter, dated May 13, 2016, attached hereto. Indeed, Plaintiff's only mention of the resignation is in a footnote on page 9 (of 12) of the brief that Plaintiff filed in support of the Motion -- not in Plaintiff's May 26 letter to the Court or even in the brief's "Relevant Factual Background." However, there are few, if any, facts that are more relevant, because once the resignation is effective (upon the appointment of a new trustee pursuant to a process set forth in the CVR Agreement), Plaintiff will no longer have standing to prosecute this action. And

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there simply is no reason for the Court to entertain a motion (on an expedited basis no less) that seeks leave to supplement a complaint that the movant will soon lack standing to prosecute.

Instead, in light of Plaintiff's resignation as trustee, and given that the parties, in the meantime, are expending substantial resources litigating, Sanofi respectfully submits that the most efficient course for the parties and the Court is for the action to be stayed at this time and the upcoming June 8, 2016 hearing taken off calendar until there is clarity regarding the identity of the new trustee and whether that trustee intends to continue the lawsuit (which it may choose not to do).

We are available at the Court's convenience to answer any questions Your Honor may have.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John A. Neuwirth
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cc: All Counsel



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Sanofi S.A. 174, avenue de France 75013 Paris France Attention: General Counsel

Re: Notice of Resignation as Trustee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to <u>Section 4.10(b)</u> of that certain Contingent Value Rights Agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 30, 2011 by and between Sanofi-Aventis and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as trustee ("<u>AST</u>"), AST hereby notifies Sanofi S.A. of AST's resignation as trustee under the Agreement.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at arichelli@amstock.com or at (212) 493-6941.

Kindly acknowledge receipt by signing in the signature block below and emailing the executed acknowledgment of receipt to my attention at arichelli@amstock.com.

All rights and remedies of AST are hereby expressly and completely reserved.

Regards,

AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUS

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